of diesel. Further, the selling price of diesel vary from state to state mainly because of differences in the freight element and in the rates of taxes levied by various State Governments.

Fire in Gas Pipelines

3351. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places and number of times, incidents of fire in gas pipelines took place during the last two years;

(b) the details of loss of life and property due to recurrence of incidents of fire; and

(c) the- details of steps Government are going to take to keep a check on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) During the last two years, *i.e.* 2001 -02 and 2002-03, thirteen (13) incidents of fire took place in gas pipelines of GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL), Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) and Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL). Details about names of the places, dates of accidents and loss of life & property are given in the Statement *{See* below).

(c) Some of the steps taken by these companies to avoid such incidents are as under:-

(i) Installing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) by GAIL to monitor all gas flow parameters.

(ii) Fixing pipeline markers along the pipeline routes for proper identification.

(iii) Giving pipeline route maps to concerned State Governments and Municipal Corporations so as to avoid damages by external agencies while carrying out other jobs along the pipeline route.

(iv) Petrolling of pipelines regularly.

(v) Injecting odorant in the pipeline to help detection of leakage of gas.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(vi) Training Ward Officer and Fire Man.

(vii) Coordinating with Fire, Police and Municipal Authorities.

Statement

Details of abcut injury/loss to property in MGL, GAIL and IGL alongwith the names of places and dates of accidents

SI. No.	Date	Name of Company	Location	Injury/loss to the Property
1.	5.1.2002	MGL	Bhandup (W), Mumbai	Nil
2.	10.1.2002	MGL	Andheri (W), Mumbai	Nil
3.	30.9.2002	MGL	Kandivali (W), Mumbai	Nil
4.	2.2.2003	MGL	Andheri (W), Mumbai	Nil
5.	13.2.2003	MGL	Andheri (E), Mumbai	01 injured
6.	2.3.2003	MGL	Borivali (E), Mumbai	Nil
7.	22.3.2003	MGL	Raheja, Corner, Chandivli, Studio, Mumbai	A tea-stall got partly burnt
8.	9.4.2001	GAIL	Chokari-Undera pipeline, village Ekalbara, Gujarat	Nil
9.	6.8.2001	GAIL	Jamnagar-Loni LPG Pipeline at District Ghaziabad, UP	Nil
10.	29.8.2001	GAIL	Dabka-Saraswani Pipeline, Gujarat	Nil
11.	10.12.2001	IGL	Khel Gaon Marg, New Delhi	Nil
12.	27.12.2001	IGL	Near Apollo Hospital, New Delhi	Nil
13.	29.7.2002	IGL	Near Okhla More, Mathura Road, New Delhi	Nil